

I am horrified to learn of Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. It is my understanding that broadcasting companies must provide equal time for each candidate. Has this obligation changed?

Since Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, it is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It appears that when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and pocketbook and less of what we need for our democracy. At the least, an equal length of time during a similar timespot should be provided to the Kerry campaign.

Sinclair's actions are a good example of why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Additionally, these actions show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you for taking these issues under consideration.